

I oppose this petition as it seeks to further reduce the qualifications for Amateur licensure.

Morse proficiency is desirable and relevant if we wish to assure a pool of effective operators on the HF bands where Morse is still the most effective means of communication.

The petitioner's suggestion that Homeland Security would be enhanced by flooding the HF bands with less qualified operators is absurd.

I urge the Commission to dismiss this petition.

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